GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:45
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ISSUE OF SC CERTIFICATES
Jatiya Dr. Satyanarayan

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the year 1950 has been defined as the base year for issuing SC certificates in the States particularly in Madhya Pradesh (M.P);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether SC certificates can be issued on the basis of the caste of one`s parents;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has received complaints from various States particularly from M.P in regard to difficulties being faced in getting the SC certificates on account of fixation of the year 1950 as the base year; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government for their redressal?

Answer

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MEIRA KUMAR)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement in answer to Part (a) to (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question N0. 45, dated 28.02.2008 by Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya, regarding, issue of SC Certificates`

(a) to (f):- Scheduled Caste certificates are issued by the prescribed officers and the caste of parents is an important criterion. However, in the case of children born out of inter- caste marriage, the caste of the father becomes the relevant consideration.

There is no mention of `base year` in the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders issued under Article 341. No complaints have been received by the Ministry from residents of Madhya Pradesh or from elsewhere.